Senior Parent Program

Oakton High School
Office of School Counseling
IMPORTANT DATES

- October 21st: College Fair: Fair Oaks Mall 7:30-9:30 pm
- October 22nd: College Night: Hayfield SS 7:00-9:00 pm
- October 30th: ASVAB Testing
- November 1st: Early Decision/Action for many colleges
- December 12th: Financial Aid Night: Woodson HS at 7:00 pm

TRANSCRIPT DEADLINE DUE DATES

- November 1st: due to Mrs. Weir October 11th
- November 15th: due to Mrs. Weir October 25th
- December 1st: due to Mrs. Weir November 8th
- January 1st: due to Mrs. Weir November 29th
COLLEGE FAIR

- Students are encouraged to register at http://www.fcpscollegefairs.com in order to receive a personal admittance pass.

- This pass will eliminate the need for students to complete information cards for the college representatives the night of the event and will allow for more discussion time between representatives and students.
COLLEGE NIGHT TOPICS — HAYFIELD SS

• The SAT and ACT: Their Role in the College Application Process
• Financial Aid
• Considerations for Students with Disabilities in the College Search and Beyond
• Looking Beyond College Rankings and Scary Stories to Find the Best Fit
• Writing the College Application Essay
• NCAA Division I, II, and III: A Student-Athlete’s Experience
• Family Connection: Student and Parent Access to College Planning Tools
• The First Step to College Readiness—Career Planning
• The United Kingdom: For Students Interested in Opportunities Abroad
# Graduation Requirements

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STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COLLEGE PROCESS

- Take ownership of the process
- Know deadlines
- Request applications and other information
- Request standardized test scores directly from College Board and/or ACT
- Know Oakton’s transcript request/processing policy
- Know individual college requirements
WHAT ARE COLLEGES REALLY LOOKING AT?

• The college reps report that this is how they will review your student’s application packet:
  • Course selection and rigor
  • Grades
  • Test Scores
  • Recommendations
  • Honors/Awards
  • Extracurricular activities/Leadership
  • “X” Factor
COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

- We have asked your children to keep you in the loop regarding your college applications.
- Have your child talk to their counselor with any questions regarding college applications.
- Check email (appropriate email address preferred) and Family Connection accounts on a consistent basis.
- Follow up with applications to colleges to be sure that everything has been received.
- **Be patient** with University Mail Rooms. We might have mailed something, but it takes a while to get processed through the admissions office.
Types of Deadlines

- Early Action (non-binding)
- Early Decision (binding)
- Regular
- Rolling
- Open
All VA public schools have an Articulation Agreement with NoVA CC

In addition....
MATERIALS NEEDED TO COMPLETE APPLICATIONS

- High school grades
- List of senior year courses
- Resume/list of extracurricular activities
- SAT/SAT Subject Tests/ACT/TOEFL scores
- Ideas for essays/personal statements
- List of possible recommenders
- Audition material/portfolio (Fine/Performing Arts/CTE)
Each year, the Counseling Office processes around 7,000 college transcript requests.

To request a transcript, students need to fill out a Transcript Request Form.

- Available in the School Counseling Office or on the OHS website

ALLOW AT LEAST 15 BUSINESS DAYS FOR PROCESSING TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS.

Mid-year grades are sent automatically to colleges for which they have requested a transcript.

Final transcript will be sent to the college designated on the Senior Survey.
TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCEDURE

- Students should complete a Transcript Request Form. A parent signature is REQUIRED (unless student is 18).

- Many schools have a Secondary School Report Form (sometimes called the Counselor Report) as part of the application. Counselors will include an Oakton-specific SSR with the transcript.

- Addressed and stamped envelopes (three $0.44 stamps necessary) should be attached to the Transcript Request Form. Please use 4 ¼ X 9 ½ inch envelopes.

- Transcript Request forms must be turned into Mrs. Weir (School Counseling Office) at least 15 business days before the college due date.

- Students may send 3 transcripts at no cost. Each additional transcript is $5.00. There will be a $5.00 late fee for transcript requests turned in after the 15 day deadline.
OAKTON HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Student’s Name (last, first, middle initial)  Date of Birth  Grade

Student email address:  Student phone number  Counselor Name

Year of Graduation or Last Year of Attendance  Student Social Security #

1. Forms must be signed and dated.
2. Enclose a pre-addressed business size envelope with three $0.44 stamps attached. (Graduated students are required to attach one stamp to their envelopes.)
3. The first three (3) transcripts are free. Any additional transcripts are $5 each.
4. Transcript request forms must be submitted at least 15 working days prior to the college/university’s deadline. A $5.00 late fee will be assessed for all late requests ($5 for each late transcript request).

SEND RECORDS TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS, AGENCIES OR INDIVIDUALS:

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- Free copies are only for students currently enrolled in Oakton High School. There is a $5.00 charge per transcript for students who no longer attend Oakton.

Parent/Guardian Signature or Student Signature (if over 18)  Date

IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS, PLEASE USE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.
SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORTS

- A standard Oakton SSR is provided for all students regardless of the school(s) they are applying to.

- If your student has questions about a form they are welcome to submit it with their Transcript Request Form if they prefer. The counselor will determine if it is necessary to be sent.
Secondary School Report Form
for currently enrolled high school seniors applying for admission to James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA 22807

Student Section
After completing this section, please give this form to your high school guidance counselor.

Applicant's name
Last: [ ]
First: [ ]
Middle: [ ]
First 5 letters of last name: [ ]

Name and address of applicant's high school
Name of school: [ ]
Street address: [ ]
City: [ ]
State: [ ]
Zip code: [ ]

Social security number (optional) [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

High School Guidance Counselor Section
Information provided on this form is confidential. It will not be shared with the applicant or anyone outside the JMU Office of Admissions. Please complete the counselor recommendation section and return it to the JMU Office of Admissions with the application for admission. If it is your school's policy to send counselor recommendations under separate cover, please be sure that the applicant has completed the top section of this form to ensure that it will be included in the applicant's file. Please enclose your high school profile with this form.

To assist the university in evaluating this applicant, please respond to the following:

1. Your high school's six-digit CEEB code [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

2. Of this applicant's graduating class, approximately ______ percent will attend a four-year college.

3. Regarding your school's grading system, please give complete numerical range for the following: (If your school uses +/- system please include equivalency in range.)
   A [ ] [ ] B [ ] [ ] C [ ] [ ] D [ ] [ ]
   (i.e., range of 90–80 = B+ to B–)

4. Please indicate the strength of this applicant's high school program of study within the context of the school's curriculum.
   Below average [ ] Average [ ] Above average [ ] Demanding [ ] Most demanding [ ]

5. Please give applicant's grade-point average: Applicant's GPA covering _____ semesters based on ______ point scale.
   The above average grade-point average is: weighted [ ] unweighted [ ]

6. Please give applicant's rank in class: Applicant ranks _____ in a class of ______ students based on ______ semesters.
   The above rank is: weighted [ ] unweighted [ ]
   Please provide the following information: Class size [ ] Estimated rank [ ]

7. An attached letter of recommendation is welcome.

Courses in progress: Please list all high school and college courses scheduled to be taken in the current academic year, clearly indicating those which are advanced, honors, College Board AP, dual enrolled courses, etc.

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Name of person completing this form (please print): [ ]
Title: [ ]

E-mail address: [ ]
Office phone number: [ ]
How long have you known the applicant? [ ]

Signature: [ ]
Date: [ ]
SAT/SAT SUBJECT TEST/ACT

- Students need to have their standardized test scores sent to the college.
- Colleges will accept either the SAT or ACT.
- Not all schools require SAT Subject Tests.
- SAT Test Dates: October 6, November 3, December 1
- ACT Test Dates: October 27, December 8

www.collegeboard.com
www.ACTstudent.org
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Forms needed: FAFSA and some schools require CSS profile. FAFSA can be filed the 1st of the year and are available in early December.

- Talk to Mrs. Marks in the Career Center.

- Scholarships are posted on Family Connection.

- Financial Aid Workshop – December 12,
  - 7:00 pm at Woodson HS
QUESTIONS?